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Henry Ward Beecher on "Reconstruction."
The Boston Post contains a sketch of a lecture delivered in that city on Tuesday evening, by Henry Ward Beecher, on "reconstruction," from which we quote as follows:

"There is no principle of American liberty which will cohere with the doctrine that suffrage is a political right. If it be said that this principle would give the right of suffrage to women, he would give it to her as well as man. Every consideration of policy and good sense points to the giving of this right; for a woman is as good as a man, and a man and his wife are a great deal better than each other. Yet he would not insist on the extension of suffrage as a condition of reconstruction. If he had been President he would have done so last spring; but matters had gone so far since that it was unwise to press this requirement now. That which we sow in May we do not sow in August. To go back on the steps that have already been taken and demand new guaranties of the South would be the most ungracious thing that we could be called upon to do. Mr. Beecher then stated what, in his opinion, we might and might not expect the South to do. We could not expect that men who had to submit to an overpowering military force should rejoice in their downfall, and spring up to kiss the men that have whipped them. The men of the South were as sincere when they went into the war as those of the North, and now that they are conquered, we could not ask them to be joyful or jubilant. We must not expect that men who had relinquished slavery upon compulsion would engage with alacrity in the work of emancipation. If this result had been the consequence of a long discussion, and they had voted emancipation, we might have reason for the course of remark that is indulged in; not otherwise. We must not expect that men educated under institutions totally the reverse of ours will let them go in a day, and seek new ones from their conquerors.

He was not surprised to read that Yankees are not popular at the South, and that when the army goes some of the Yankees must go with it. Being defeated, they are not disposed to accept superfluous and intrusive advice from those who have defeated them. We must not expect that men who have regarded negroes as inferior beings all their lives, shall receive complacently the doctrine of equality and citizenship in its relations to the black man. Sometimes it would be well for us to remember the homes we live in. He did not believe there were a dozen places in Brooklyn where a colored man could obtain work, unless all the white men should leave. We, who still indulge in this prejudice, should not blame the people of the South who do not believe that society can be reorganized with the negro as an equal. Nor should we expect that they would know how, even when they try to treat the negro fairly, for they have been taught to treat him as a beast. [Not so.] We may set up schools and churches in the South in such way as to be antagonistic to Southern schools and Southern churches. One kindly disposed white man in the South is worth twenty in Massachusetts. There may be such a precipitate zeal of philanthropy for them as well as defeat its own work. Legislation will not alleviate prejudice. It won't change unkind feelings into kind ones. The South must recover by labor, and it is only new industry that will bring her back. She is fast finding this out. Her success depends upon cotton; cotton cannot be had without black labor, and black labor cannot be had unless negroes are kindly treated. So self-interest will soon teach them the right way out of the difficulty. The blacks should become landholders as fast as possible. The glory of the North is its diversified and minute industry. He would not object to making property a preliminary qualification for suffrage, as an inducement to industry and thrift.

Mr. Beecher closed his lecture with an eloquent appeal for justice and love, as the only sure basis of reconstruction, and advocated a spirit of magnanimity. He protested against vindictive punishment against Mr. Davis as inexpedient and uncalled for. The era of destruction had passed, and that of restoration had come. This new position of affairs required a change of tactics. His remarks on this point made a profound impression."

The small pox is said to be spreading among the negroes in the interior of Louisiana. From various parts of the State reports still come in to the effect that the planters find the greatest difficulty in making labor contracts with the freedmen. In the parish of Terre Bonne nearly all the freedmen were leaving for New Orleans.

Clothing, &c.

ARNOLD & FIELD,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in CLOTHS, CASSIMERES AND VESTINGS, TAILORS' TRIMMINGS, AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS. Having disposed of our interest in the Merchant Tailoring business, at No. 83, King st., to O'Neal & Dwelly, and removed to No. 69, we propose to offer for your inspection a good line of the above goods. Our long experience in the manufacture of Cloths and Cassimeres, gives us a great advantage in selecting our stock, which we intend to sell at a small advance on cost.

We shall offer great inducements to Tailors, as we intend to keep good trimmings, and sell them cheap.

You will find in our Gent's Furnishing Department a great selection of goods in that line always on hand. Give us a call and you will never regret it, at No. 69, King street, next door to Miller's China Store.

sep 22—tf
ARNOLD & FIELD.

FASHIONABLE TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.

Messrs. O'Neil & Dwelly having purchased the interest of Messrs. Arnold & Field in the MERCHANT TAILORING BUSINESS, have removed to the Store lately occupied by that firm,

83 KING STREET, Where may be found the best assortment of CLOTHS, in this city, both of FOREIGN and DOMESTIC manufacture.

Mr. O'Neil's ability as a cutter justifies them in assuring their customers a stylish and well fitting garment.

They have also a fine assortment of Gents' FURNISHING GOODS, such as Shirts, Socks, Ties, Scarfs and Gloves of all kinds.

Please call and examine our goods and judge for yourselves at 83 King street, one door east of Parker's Theatre.

sep 26—tf
MURRAY, RIDGELY & MURRAY,
MERCHANT TAILORS,
NO. 7, NORTH FAIRFAX STREET.
Keep constantly on hand a large assortment of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c., which they are prepared to make up at short notice, and at reasonable prices.

aug 14—tf
WM. E. ATWELL,
TAILOR.

Having removed to No. 95, King st., Would respectfully solicit the patronage of his former friends and the public generally. Every effort will be made to please.

sep 28—tf

Commission Merchants.

GEORGE H. ROBINSON,
GROCER, FORWARDING,
AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 5, UNION ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of country produce. Goods forwarded promptly.

no 21—tf
THOMAS PERRY,
FORWARDING AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
NO. 8, PRINCE STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Farmers furnished with Guano, Farming Implements, Groceries, &c., at the lowest market rates FOR CASH.

aug 25—tf
JOHN S. KNOX, JR.,
(Formerly Knox & Bro.)
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION
MERCHANT,
No. 10, Union street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.

ly 26—tf
W. A. SMOOT,
FORWARDING & COMMISSION
MERCHANT,
No. 21, North Union Street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.

aug 3—6m

LAND AGENCY.

The undersigned having been solicited by a large number of Land Owners of this County, to send them purchasers for their farms, and from my long experience as a Surveyor, and as Sheriff I am well informed as to the quality and condition of most of the farms in this county. I have concluded to solicit the patronage of the public as a LAND AGENT. Persons, therefore, who wish to purchase lands, and those who wish to sell, will find it to their interest to give me a call at my office, at Bruin's Jail, West End, near Alexandria, Va., or by mail, Box 314, Alexandria P. O., Va.

de 21—2m
JONATHAN ROBERTS,
Sheriff of Fairfax county, Va.

GREGORY & PAUL,
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
GROCERIES, FLOUR AND BACON.

Nos 27 and 29, King street,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

aug 11—tf

ARTHUR C. KELL,
HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER,
No. 5, South Washington St.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Country Work solicited.

GLAZING and GRADING promptly executed.

jan 1—tf

Hotels and Restaurants.

MAGNOLIA HOUSE,

COR. OF DUKE AND COLUMBUS STS.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The proprietor of this convenient and pleasantly located Hotel begs leave to call the attention of the public to his reduced rates of prices, as follows:

TRANSIENT BOARDERS, \$2 per day.
PERMANENT BOARDERS, with single rooms, from \$7 to \$10 per week, according to size and location of room. Room with double bed for two gentlemen, from \$6 to \$7 per week each.

GAS BATHS, and all the conveniences necessary for the comforts of a home, and a plentiful supply of the best the market can afford.

Choice WINES, LIQUORS, SEGARS, &c., always on hand.

I CHALLENGE COMPETITION.

Give me a call.

R. FREDERICK, Proprietor,
jan 5—3m
Magnolia House.

MALTBY HOUSE,

A. B. MILLER, Proprietor.
PRATT STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.

This house having been lately thoroughly RE-FITTED AND RE-FURNISHED,

renders its accommodations second to none in the city.

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MANSION HOUSE RESTAURANT.

No. 15, North Fairfax street.
K. T. LUCAS, PROPRIETOR.

Ladies and gentlemen will meet with every accommodation pertaining to such an establishment.

A choice variety of MEATS, with POULTRY, OYSTERS, &c., including every delicacy the markets afford, will be prepared by professional cooks, and served by polite and attentive waiters, and at reasonable prices.

ICE CREAMS and PASTRIES will be of superior quality.

The wine vaults will be stocked with a select assortment of WINES, ALES, &c.

The Restaurant and Saloon will be open at all hours. Particular attention will be given to orders from families and parties wishing dinner or supper.

aug 30—tf

REMOVAL. CHEAP GOODS.

I respectfully inform my friends and the public in general that I have removed from No. 136 King street to No. 200 where I will be pleased to sell all my old customers, for it is my intention to sell at the very lowest market prices, and I know all that would favor me with their patronage will be well satisfied with their bargains. Do not forget to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere. I have now on hand a fine assortment of the following goods, and of which I will defy competition:

Dark Calicoes from 23 to 30 cts.

Opera Flannels, all colors, 75 "

Delaines from 31 to 37 cts.

All Wool Flannels from 45 cts., and upwards.

Shawls and Cloaks from \$5.00 to \$35.00, besides a fine and selected assortment of House Furnishing Goods, such as Bleached and Unbleached Muslin, Sheetings, Napkins, Towels, &c., &c.; also a very large assortment of Sontags, Nubias, Hoods and Woolen Jackets, and different other articles, too numerous to mention.

L. BENDHEIM,
No. 200, King street, near Columbus.

N. B.—Country dealers and farmers will do well to give me a call, and look for themselves before purchasing.

jan 8—2w

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

GREAT INDUCEMENTS.

The undersigned begs leave to inform the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, that he is selling his entire stock, consisting of

DRY GOODS.

FANCY GOODS.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

at and below cost, as he positively intends closing business by the 15th of March.

He will sell you:—

Calicoes, best quality, from 23 to 26 cts., worth 30 cents.

Muslin Delaines from 30 to 33 cts., worth 37c.

Cotton and Silk Poplins, less than cost.

Black Alpacaes at 45 cts., worth 75 cts.

All Wool Flannels from 40 cts., and upwards.

French Merinoes, best quality, from \$1.15 to \$1.37, worth \$2.

Bleached Cottons at 27 cts. and upwards;

Brown Cottons 25 cts. and upwards; Ladies Morocco Boots from \$1.75 to \$2.25; Boys Boots from \$1.30 to \$1.75, and a great many other things too numerous to mention.

N. B.—All persons indebted to me will please call as soon as practicable and make settlement.

WM. SILVERMAN,
No. 222, King street,
2nd door from Alfred.

My Store will be closed every Saturday.

jan 10—1m

TWO PORTABLE STEAM ENGINES.—One Single Cylinder, TWELVE HORSE POWER, Saws and Belting Complete, never used. One second-hand, Double Cylinder, FIFTEEN HORSE POWER, in good order, and but little used. For sale by

HOOE & WEDDERBURN,
jan 18—1w
Foot of Prince street.

HERRING.—100 bbls Shore Herring. For sale by

de 28—tf
EDGAR SPEIDEN.

NEWSPAPERS, for Wrapping Paper, for sale at this office.

nov 17—3t

Professional.

WALTER WEIR,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,
BRENTSVILLE, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA.
Will practice in the Courts of Prince William, Loudoun and Fairfax.

dec 2—6m

PROFESSIONAL CARD.

MEDICAL NOTICE.

DR. W. D. STEWART, Physician & Surgeon.

A graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, Ky., and of the University of the city of New York, late Surgeon U. S. V., having permanently located in Alexandria, Va., respectfully offers his professional services to the citizens of this city and vicinity.

Office and residence, No. 46, north Royal st., (east side,) where he may be found at all hours, when not professionally absent.

no 21
REUBEN JOHNSTON. WILLIAM F. CARNE
JOHNSTON & CARNE,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

Office at the Auditor's Office, Market Building. Attend to all business in the Courts of Alexandria and Fairfax Counties.

je 7—tf
GEORGE W. BRENT. C. W. WATTLES.

BRENT & WATTLES,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW;
Office, 127, King street, in the Insurance Building.

sep 16—tf

NOTICE.—ROBERT J. SMITH, ATTORNEY AT LAW and NOTARY PUBLIC,

has opened his office at Phenix Hall, where he may be found from 8 a. m., to 6 p. m., daily.

aug 10—tf

LAWRENCE B. TAYLOR,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,
No. 114, Prince street, east of the Post Office

sep 30—tf

D. L. SMOOT. E. M. LOWE.

S. SMOOT & LOWE,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
Office over Market House.

P. O. Box 130.

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JULIUS DIENELT,

DENTIST,
No. 145, PRINCE STREET,
(Four doors below Washington street)

aug 31—tf
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

J. EDWARD CHASE,

DENTAL SURGEON,
Office over Dr. Stabler's Drug store, corner of King and Washington sts., Alexandria Va.

je 23—tf

ROBERT L. WOOD,

Successor to Ashby & Wood,
continuous to carry on the

DRY GOODS BUSINESS.

At the Old Stand, No. 174, King street.

ALEXANDER H. SLAYMAKER (now with R. L. Wood) would respectfully solicit the patronage of his friends.

Our STOCK is at all times large and complete, embracing, Heavy and Fine French Broadcloths, Black and Fancy Cassimeres, Satinets, Cloths for servants, &c., &c.

A full assortment of Flannels, white and colored. Fine and medium quality Dress Goods, a full assortment of Mourning Dress Goods, Irish Linen, "warranted genuine," Linen Sheetings and Pillow Case Linens, Superior Cotton Shirting and Sheetings; also, Gloves and Hosiery, Suspenders, Shirt Bosoms, Collars, Cravats, Neck Ties, Hair Nets, &c., together with a general assortment of first-class DRY GOODS, to an examination of which we invite our old friends and the public generally.

dec 14—3m

STAGE LINE TO MIDDLEBURG.

The subscriber has established a stage line between ALEXANDRIA & MIDDLEBURG, the coaches leaving Alexandria on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 4 o'clock, a. m.

Leave Middleburg on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, at 5 o'clock, a. m., arriving at Alexandria at 5 o'clock, P. M. Office at the Marshal House.

WM. WHALEY.

aug 7—tf

VALUABLE WEST END PROPERTY FOR SALE.

We have for sale a number of lots on the north side of Duke st., 50 feet front and 150 deep; also, several truck lots of various sizes, from one to four acres, binding on the Shuter's Hill road and on the road from King street to Duke by Betzold's. Terms accommodating.

dec 22—tf
JOHNSTON & CARNE.

JAS. RECTOR SMOOT. JOHN PERRY.

S. SMOOT & PERRY,
DEALERS IN

LUMBER, NAILS, LIME, CEMENT, AND CALCINED PLASTER.

No. 40 South Union Street.

je 15—tf
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

J. H. DEVAUGHN,

NO. 130, KING STREET,
(Old Stand.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Manufacturer and dealer in all kinds of FURNITURE, which he is prepared to sell as LOW as it can be bought in any house in the city. He would invite those in want of Furniture, to give him a call before they purchase.

FEATHER BEDS, and Excelsior MATTRESSES, Feather Beds, Bolsters and Pillows, made to order at the shortest notice. For sale low for cash.

aug 2—6m